Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The National Association of Insurance Women, International has achieved an illustrious record of professional achievement and dedicated service to its clients and the nation and is deserving of public recognition and commendation; and,

Whereas, This highly esteemed association is composed of 340 local organizations numbering approximately 11,000 members, all of whom are competent women and men employed in various fields of the insurance industry; and,

Whereas, Constantly creating good will through integrity and dedication, The National Association of Insurance Women, International has grown remarkably since it was founded in 1940, with only 39 women representing 17 regional insurance clubs; and,

Whereas, The major purpose of this highly effective organization is to "encourage and foster educational programs designed to broaden the knowledge and the understanding of the insurance field and to cultivate increasing friendship, loyalty, and desire for service among its members"; and,

Whereas, It is of the inestimable benefit to the members to be provided with the opportunity to associate with other industry professionals, enabling them to share solutions, problems, and experiences and thereby gain better understanding and also increase alliances; and,

Whereas, The National Association of Women, International includes within its code of ethics the laudable pledge of service that is honest, thorough, gracious, and professional and the promise to perform in an honorable manner-noble words which are truly part of each member's pursuit of his or her career; and,

Whereas, This outstanding organization has been recognized as a vital resource by the Independent Insurance Agents of America, the American Association of Managing General Agents, the Insurance Institute of America, and the Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriters:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 16-22, 2004, as

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in South Dakota, and I encourage our citizens to congratulate the organization's members on their many accomplishments.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State